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Docket No. 050-98-044

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-20 are pending in this application.

Claim 20 has been withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected invention.

Claims 10-19 are allowed

Claims 1 and 3-9 are rejected.

Paragraph 19 of the Office Action indicates that claims 1, and 5-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by Pearton et al. (1992). Paragraph 20 indicates that claims 1, 3, 5-6 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by Popova. Paragraph 22 indicates that claims 3, 4 and 8, 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Pearton.

These rejections have been rendered moot by the amendments above to claims 1 and 8. Currently amended claims 1 and 8 now recite a method of forming features in a Carbon-Carbon work piece. Neither of the cited documents teach or suggest that features can be formed in a Carbon-Carbon work piece by depositing a mask layer on the work piece; creating a pattern in the mask layer by photolithography; and etching the pattern into the work piece.

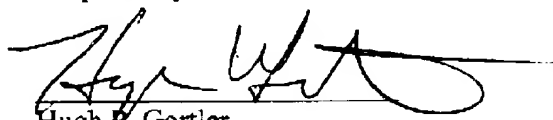
Claim 9 has been amended to depend from claim 8. Claim 10 has been amended for clarity. Claim 20 has been canceled.

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The application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1 and 3-19 is earnestly solicited. The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to discuss any issues that remain in the application.

Respectfully submitted,


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